
BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON, WARREN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

WASHINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

May 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Borough Council of Washington, Warren County, New Jersey was held via ZOOM live stream at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Also Present: Matthew Hall, Manager
Laurie A. Barton, Borough Clerk
Leslie Parikh, Attorney (via Zoom)

Absent- Cox

Deputy Mayor Conry led everyone in the flag salute.

Deputy Mayor Conry read the following statement into record:

The requirements of the Open Public Meetings Law, P.L. 1975, Chapter 231 have been satisfied in that adequate notice of this meeting has been published in the Express-Times (Warren County Edition and Star Ledger) and posted on the Boroughs website stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting as required by law

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion made by Heinrich and seconded by Noone to open the public portion, all in favor.

Mel Thiel, BID Exec Director, gave the following report:

Getting a lot of publicity lately for our upcoming events statewide publicity, NJ Event, they featured us for the Steam Punk Fest.

NJ Arts featured us for the festival and will also feature the farmer's market.

Pavilion update-final certificate passed all inspections and was used happily Sunday night for the Ukraine vigil.

Waiting to hear and should know by June whether we received the grant from Dept. of Agriculture. Rossi Auto Group donated enough money that the pavilion will be named the Rossi Auto Group pavilion.

A bronze plaque at \$100 each will be available in which the BID will be advertising for that.

May 21st is the second annual Steam Punk Fair. Theres enough room for 70 vendors downtown for the event.

Mike Franks Nunn Ave, question about the open public meetings law. Everything went nice during the pandemic, wondering if it might increase participation just to also broadcast via Zoom. Might be easier for people to understand what is going on behind doors, not always easy for people to come here.

Hearing no further public comment, motion made by Norris and seconded by Heinrich to close the public portion, all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

Great Waters Presentation by Musconetcong Watershed Association-Alan Hunt Director. Presentation was sent with some materials in advance. Distributed a draft resolution for council to consider.

Noone asked if everyone could look at the resolution to maybe adopt at future meeting.

MINUTES

Motion made by Norris and seconded by Heinrich to approve the following minutes: April 19, 2022 and Executive April 19, 2022.

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

New June Meeting date:

Motion made by Heinrich and seconded by Ron to change the June 7th meeting to June 9th at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion made by Heinrich and seconded by Noone to open public hearing for Resolution 2022-63, all were in favor.

Hearing no public comment, motion made by Heinrich and seconded by Ron to close the public portion all were in favor.

Motion made by Norris and seconded by Noone to adopt 2022-63

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

BOROUGH OF WASHINGTON					
2022-63					
RESOLUTION TO AMEND BUDGET					
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WHEREAS, the local municipal budget for the year 2022 was introduced and approved on the 15TH of March, 2022 and					
WHEREAS, the public hearing on said budget has been held as advertised, and					
WHEREAS, it is desired to amend said approved budget, now					
THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Washington, County of Warren, that the following amendments to the approved budget of 2022 be made:					
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(INSERT LAST NAMES)	(((Absent	(
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			FROM	TO	
3. Miscellaneous Revenues - Section D: Special Items of Revenue Anticipated With Prior Written Consent of the Director of Local Government Services-Interlocal Agreements					
	Animal Control Services	100,000.00	110,000.00	10,000.00	
Total Section D Interlocal Agreements		216,666.00	226,666.00	10,000.00	
Summary of Revenues:					
1. Surplus Anticipated		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. Miscellaneous Revenues					
Total Section A: Local Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Section B: State Aid without Offsetting Appropriations		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Section C: Dedicated Uniform Construction Code Fees offset with Appropriations\		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Section D: Interlocal Agreements		216,666.00	226,666.00	10,000.00	
Total Section F:Public and Private Revenues		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Section G: Special Items of General Revenue		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues		2,322,477.02	2,332,477.02	10,000.00	10,000.00
Subtotal General Revenues		3,312,477.02	3,322,477.02	10,000.00	10,000.00
6. Amount to Be Raised By Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00	
7. Total General Revenues		8,595,220.20	8,605,220.20	10,000.00	10,000.00
Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements:					
Animal Control Services		100,000.00	110,000.00	10,000.00	
		0.00	0.00	0.00	
				0.00	
Total Interlocal Municipal Service Agreements		3,352,666.68	3,362,666.68	10,000.00	10,000.00
(H-2) Total General Appropriations for Municipal Purposes Excluded From "CAPS"		4,844,992.09	4,854,992.09	0.00	10,000.00
(O) Total General Appropriations-Excluded From "CAPS"		4,844,992.09	4,854,992.09	10,000.00	10,000.00
(L) Subtotal General Appropriations (Items (h-1) and (o))		7,795,220.20	7,805,220.20	10,000.00	10,000.00
(M) Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
9. TOTAL GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS		8,605,220.20	8,605,220.20	0.00	10,000.00
SEWER UTILITY					
10. Dedicated Revenues From Sewer Utility					
Operating Surplus Anticipated		550,000.00	553,488.00	3,488.00	
Sewer Use Charges		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Total Sewer Utility Revenues		2,740,712.00	2,744,200.00	3,488.00	3,488.00
11. Appropriations For Sewer Utility					
DEBT SERVICE		0.00	0.00	0.00	
Interest on Notes		0.00	0.00	0.00	
NJEIF Principal		56,512.00	60,000.00	3,488.00	
				0.00	
Deficit in Operations in Prior Years		0.00	0.00	0.00	
				0.00	
Total Sewer Utility Appropriations		2,740,712.00	2,744,200.00	3,488.00	3,488.00
SOLID WASTE UTILITY					
Operating Expenses				0.00	
Salaries and Wages		238,479.00	220,000.00	(18,479.00)	
				0.00	
Statutory Expenses				0.00	
Social Security		0.00	15,803.00	15,803.00	
				0.00	
Debt Services				0.00	
NJETF Principal		3,965.00	6,641.00	2,676.00	
				0.00	
				0.00	
Total Solid Waste Utility Appropriation		765,000.00	765,000.00	0.00	
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that two certified copies of this resolution be filed forthwith in the Office of the Director of Local Government Services for her certification of the local municipal budget so amended.					
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this complete amendment, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A.40A:4-9, be published in the Express Times-Warren County Edition in the issue of April 28, 2022, and that said publication contain notice of public hearing on said amendment to be held at Municipal Annex on May 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at 1000 Main Ave., Washington, NJ 07882					
May 3, 2022					
It is hereby certified that this is a true copy of a resolution amending the budget, adopted by the governing bod 19th of April 2,022.00					
Certified by me					
44,670.00		2022	Laurie A. Barton Municipal Clerk		

Motion made by Norris and seconded by Noone to adopt the 2022 budge with final amendment.

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

Motion made by Noone and seconded by Norris to adopt Resolution 2022-65

Roll Call: Conry, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

RESOLUTION 2022-65

Memorandum of Agreement between the Borough of Washington and the Communications Workers of America, Local 1032, AFL-CIO

WHEREAS, the Borough of Washington and the Communications Workers of America Local 1032, AFL-CIO, are parties to a collective bargaining agreement; and

WHEREAS, the collective bargaining agreement expired on December 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the parties negotiated in good faith for a successor agreement that would meet the interests of the members of the bargaining unit as well as the Borough;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the parties enter into the following Agreement attached hereto.

VOUCHERS AND CLAIMS

Motion made by Mike seconded by Norris to pay vouchers and claims.

Roll Call: Conry, Cox, Heinrich, Noone, Norris and Ron.

Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion passes.

COUNCIL REMARKS

Councilman Norris gave the following remarks:

Joesphine did a great job on the vigil; something came up last minute and couldn't attend. Looked like it went very well. Thanked Melainie with work at pavilion. Thanked Police they have been very busy, Fire and Rescue DPW all doing a great job. Matt doing a great job as well as Ethel and Laurie, keep it up.

Councilman Heinrich gave the following remarks:

Vigil for Ukraine was very well put together, thanked Noone for hard work. Daughter handed out Ukrainian flags.

Councilwoman Noone gave the following remarks:

Thanked the DPW for fixing sink hole.

Happy that 47 people came to Ukraine vigil. Having pavilion was perfect because of the rain.

Brand new neighbors are Ukrainian, and they came, nice to see community building.

Did the run for the river with the Musconetcong Association, a lot of businesses generous giving out prizes for the runners. Businesses are very good in participating in events in giving support and gift certificates. Positive community and we are making progress. Will be part of the Highlands process, doing a lot of things. Great arbor day celebration; a lot of people there.

Coming up 55 and older the June 11th trip to the flower show at Longwoods Gardens.

Deputy Mayor Conry gave the following remarks:

Wishing all older Americans who are 60 and older a happy month. Lost someone dear to her heart not chipper today. Mind is here but heart is somewhere else.

If you have a loved one always love them no matter what, you love them. Love your loved ones.

Sister battled lupus for 44 years.

Thanked Josephine and Mike for putting together event on Sunday, happy to be there.

Working together for one cause with all of council need to stay together not pull apart. It hurts one another. Should be helping one another. Thanked Matt and Mel Thiel.

ADJOURN

Hearing no further business to come before Council, motion made by Norris and seconded by Ron to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM, all were in favor.

Laurie A. Barton, RMC
Borough Clerk